

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BURNING REGULATIONS

"LANDSCAPE WASTE" MEANS ALL ACCUMULATIONS OF GRASS OR SHRUBBERY CUTTINGS, LEAVES, FLOWERS, AND WEEDS.

"BRUSH" MEANS TREE TRUNKS, LIMBS, BRANCHES AND TWIGS.

"PLATTED SUBDIVISION" MEANS LAND WHICH HAS BEEN DIVIDED PURSUANT TO THE CODE OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY, INTO TWO OR MORE PARTS, ANY OF WHICH PART IS LESS THAN TWO AND ONE HALF ACRES FOR THE PURPOSE OF OWNERSHIP."

For Unincorporated Areas of the County:

- a) wholly surrounded by one or more municipalities not allowing landscape waste open burning or
- b) any platted subdivision, adjacent subdivision, or mobile home park, completely or partially within one mile of any municipality not allowing landscape waste open burning;

- burning of landscape waste is prohibited at all times
- brush may be burned in recreational fires as stated in "Exemptions" below
- burning of any materials other than brush or those materials identified in the "Exemptions" below, is prohibited and punishable.

For Unincorporated Areas of the County outside of the restricted area described above:

- burning of dry landscape waste is permitted on the weekends from April 15th through May 15th and on weekends during the month of November when following the Standard Restrictions below
- brush may be burned in recreational fires as stated in "Exemptions" below
- burning of any materials other than landscape waste, brush, or those materials identified in the "Exemptions" below is prohibited and punishable.

STANDARD RESTRICTIONS

- No unattended burning; some form of fire extinguishing must be available at the burning site.
- No burning of landscape waste or brush generated on another property.
- No burning before 10:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m.
- No burning on non sunny days when the wind exceeds 10 m.p.h.
- No burning within 25 feet of any building, structure, or property line.
- No burning upon sidewalks, right-of-way, streets, highways, or other public roadways.

EXEMPTIONS

- By farms or their agents or employees under strict supervision and in the course of their employment. As used in this section, "farm" shall be defined as in the 1970 Federal Census:
 - i. an area of ten or less contiguous acres having an annual sale of agriculture products not less than \$250.00; or
 - ii. an area of greater than ten contiguous acres having an annual sale of agriculture products of \$50.00.
- By authorized special permit by the State Environment Protection Agency pursuant to the provisions of Part 237 of Title 35 of the Illinois Administration Code as amended.
- Burning for camp fires/picnics or other recreational purposes; such burning shall not include landscape waste, but may include brush and other camp fire fuels.
- Burning for the purpose of prairie restoration.

PENALTIES

A fine of up to \$500 shall be imposed for a violation to this ordinance.
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(2) No person shall cause or allow the burning of any refuse in any chamber or apparatus, unless such chamber or apparatus is designated for the purpose of disposing of the class of refuse being burned.

(C) *Exemptions.* The following open burning activities are permitted within the village unless they cause air pollution:

(1) The open burning of landscape waste during the calendar months of April, October and November, but only if:

(a) Burning shall be allowed every day during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and

(b) Burning must be maintained a minimum of 25 feet from the nearest building structure or combustible fencing;

(c) A fire extinguishing source will be immediately available during all fires;

(d) At all times that a flame, glow, or smoke is present, the burning must be monitored and attended by an adult of at least 18 years of age;

(e) No accelerant can be used in connection with any fire;

(f) Burning of only yard waste produced on the property, such as grass and shrubbery cuttings, leaves, and tree limbs. Waste generated elsewhere may not be moved onto another property and disposed of (which includes all methods of disposal such as burning, mulching, and composting);

(g) Open burning permitted by these terms of the exceptions stated in this section shall under no circumstances, occur upon the sidewalk, right-of-way, or the paved or improved portions of any street, or other public roadway; and

(h) If such burning does not create a visibility hazard on roadways, railroad tracts or air fields.

(2) The burning of cooking fuels, charcoal and/or wood for legitimate campfire, recreational, and cooking purposes, or in domestic fireplaces, in areas where such burning is consistent with other laws, provided that no garbage shall be burned in such cases.

(3) The burning of waste gases, provided that in the case of refineries all flares shall be equipped with smokeless tips or comparable devices to reduce pollution.

(4) Small open flames, for heating tar, for welding, acetylene torches, highway safety flares, and the like.

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